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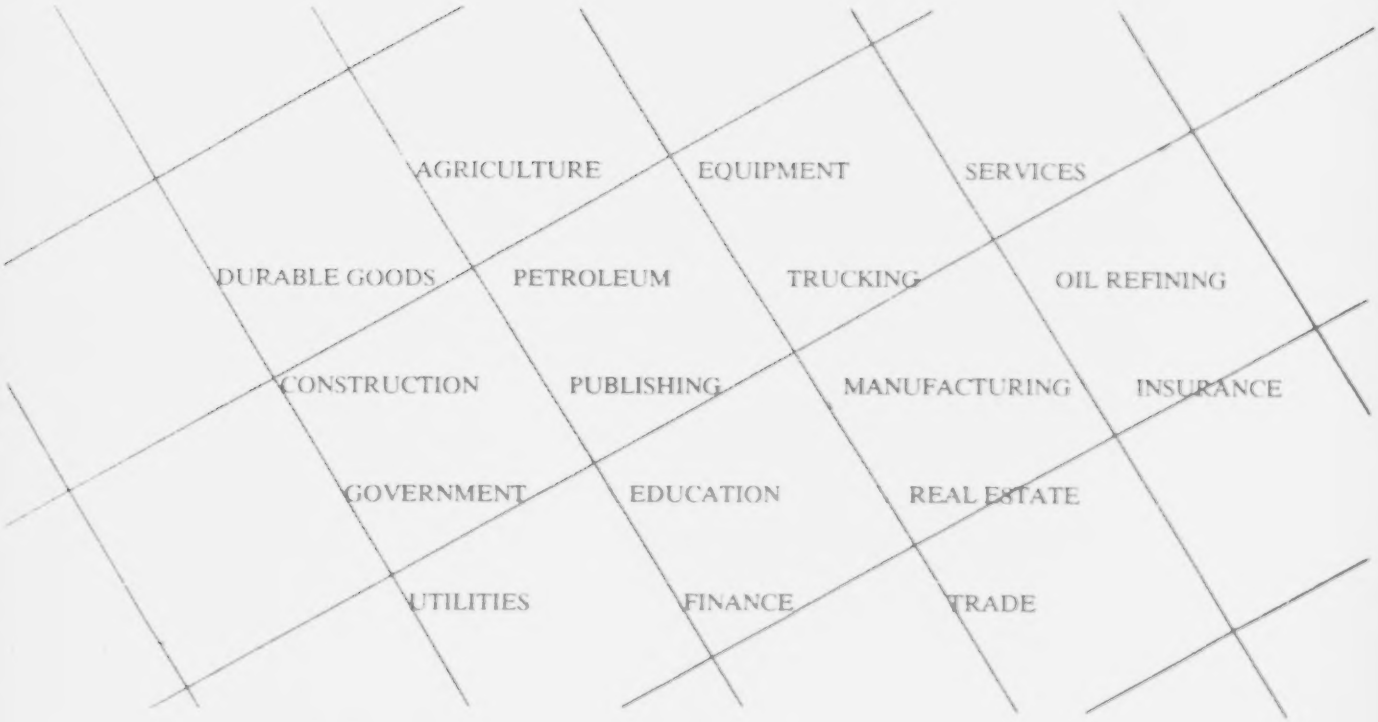

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UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS SHARPLY

The number of unemployed in Oklahoma fell from 87,700 in July to 75,800 in August. This 11,900 decline represents a 13.6 percent monthly decline and a drop of 33.7 percent since last August. The preliminary jobless rate now stands at 4.9 percent, seven-tenths below July and down a sharp 2.5 percent over the year.

Employment was also down, but only by 1,200 for the month. Employment is estimated to have risen 55,800 since August of last year. The month-to-month changes can be traced to seasonality, but the yearly comparisons indicate an improving economy.

FEWER JOBS IN PAYROLL SERIES

The Oklahoma wage and salary employment level fell in August, down 3,600 from the 1,135,900 figure which constituted the revised July estimate. Among the eight major industry divisions, two experienced increased job levels while six recorded lower employment over the month.

Services, down 2,100 over the month, was the leading downside component; followed closely by the trade industry, which fell by 1,500. Other losses, mostly of a seasonal nature, contracted in the 100-300 range.

On the plus side, manufacturing expanded by 300 positions and government rose by 500 over the same estimation period.

Compared to August 1988, the total payroll series is estimated to be 1,400 higher. Again, services was the big gainer, up 3,300 from a year ago. Significant gains were also recorded by government, transportation-public utilities, and manufacturing.

Job losses in the other four major industrial components continue to reflect problems in key industries, namely; week oil prices, downturn in construction, and continued problems among financial institutions.

PRODUCTION WAGES SLIP SLIGHTLY

Manufacturing production workers, now totaling 118,600, saw average weekly paychecks fall $1.61 in August compared to the previous month. The hours worked expanded slightly as wage rates weakened.

Following the recent trend, durabies gained while nondurables fell. Durables moved up $7.00 on average as nondurable workers wages fell $15.00. However, over the year, both durable and nondurable workers saw wages improve by $14.00 on average.

Among the five nonmanufacturing industries, all had reduced weekly paychecks, compared to July. Over the year, all had increases in weekly wages. The leader was wholesale trade which gained $27.00 per week.

AREA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FALL

The unemployment picture in Oklahoma showed major improvement this month, as a majority of the individual counties and Metropolitan Statistical Areas had lower jobless rates than were estimated for the previous month.

Specifically, 71 counties posted lower unemployment rates, 3 were higher, and 3 remained unchanged. All four of the Metropolitan Statistical Areas were lower.

Woods county had a low 1.7 percent while Haskell was high at 10.6 percent.

The year-to-year comparison indicates that all counties and Metropolitan Statistical Areas have lower jobless rates.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - AUGUST, 1989

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982-84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE AUGUST, 1989 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE AUGUST, 1988 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	124.6	100.000	0.2	4.7
FOOD & BEVERAGE	125.6	17.716	0.2	5.2
HOUSING	124.2	42.302	0.2	3.9
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	115.0	6.353	0.0	2.1
TRANSPORTATION	114.3	17.212	-1.0	4.3
MEDICAL CARE	150.7	5.968	0.7	7.7
ENTERTAINMENT	127.3	4.373	0.3	5.5
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	148.7	6.076	1.0	8.1

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.1%
OKLAHOMA	4.9%
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	4.2%
TULSA MSA	4.9%
LAWTON MSA	4.1%
ENID MSA	3.9%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	40.8
OKLAHOMA	41.4
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	43.5
TULSA MSA	41.8

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1989p	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.6	433.87	435.48	420.84	41.4	41.2	40.7	10.48	10.57	10.34
Durable Goods	76.4	465.72	458.85	451.41	42.3	41.6	41.0	11.01	11.03	11.01
Stone,Clay & Glass	9.1	473.20	468.84	471.23	42.1	42.2	42.8	11.24	11.11	11.01
Primary Metal Ind.	3.9	468.00	405.85	449.62	45.0	38.8	43.4	10.40	10.46	10.36
Fab.Metal Products	11.7	380.28	374.26	385.12	41.2	39.9	41.5	9.23	9.38	9.28
Fab.Struct.Metals	5.2	388.66	385.93	388.50	39.7	39.3	42.0	9.79	9.82	9.25
Mach.Except Elect.	23.2	473.90	469.13	456.78	43.2	43.0	41.3	10.97	10.91	11.06
Oil Field Machinery	4.4	417.38	403.99	377.03	39.6	36.2	38.2	10.54	11.16	9.87
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	6.4	432.63	445.88	439.10	43.7	43.8	41.7	9.90	10.18	10.53
Transport. Equip.	15.6	586.71	582.22	532.99	41.0	40.8	38.4	14.31	14.27	13.88
Instr./Related Prod.	1.8	421.18	449.22	474.90	43.6	46.6	45.1	9.66	9.64	10.53
Non-Durable Goods	42.2	377.45	392.45	363.60	39.9	40.5	40.0	9.46	9.69	9.09
Food & Kindred Prod	7.7	345.82	373.67	339.81	40.4	43.4	41.9	8.56	8.61	8.11
Apparel & Other Text.	8.0	211.30	214.30	189.95	38.7	37.4	37.1	5.46	5.73	5.12
Paper & Allied Prod	3.2	460.96	434.68	413.50	43.0	40.1	40.9	10.72	10.84	10.11
Printing & Publish.	5.5	381.92	389.65	378.34	40.5	39.2	39.7	9.43	9.94	9.53
Newspapers & Period.	1.7	335.46	341.09	330.79	35.2	35.2	35.8	9.53	9.69	9.24
Petroleum Refining	4.0	510.05	583.85	528.03	36.8	42.4	40.4	13.86	13.77	13.07
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	18.9	469.17	508.87	479.94	41.8	42.3	42.1	11.87	12.03	11.40
Construction	27.8	444.44	447.58	434.43	40.7	41.1	40.3	10.92	10.89	10.78
Public Utilities	21.8	537.32	554.96	512.32	40.4	41.2	39.9	13.30	13.47	12.84
Wholesale Trade	45.1	383.94	396.32	356.90	39.5	40.4	38.5	9.72	9.81	9.27
*Retail Trade	121.7	196.21	198.08	192.78	31.8	32.0	31.5	6.17	6.19	6.12

*Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

(*By Place of Residence)

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,555.7	1,568.8	1,538.5	-13,100	17,200
Unemployment	75.8	87.7	114.4	-11,900	-38,600
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.6	7.4	XXX	XXX
Total Employment	1,479.9	1,481.1	1,424.1	-1,200	55,800

**Labor force data refers to place of residence, as required by the U. S Department of Labor. As a result, these estimates remove the effect of multiple jobholders and nonresident commuters included in wage and salary employment on a place-of-work basis. Workers idled by labor disputes are counted in total employment.*

p=preliminary
r=revised

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(By place of Work)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,132.3	1,135.9	1,130.9	-0.3	-3.6	1.4
Manufacturing	164.6	164.3	164.2	0.2	0.3	0.4
Durable Goods	102.6	103.0	102.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2
Lumber & Wood Prod.	3.1	3.1	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.5
Primary Metal Industries	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.3	0.2	0.1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	15.5	15.6	15.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	7.5	7.5	7.7	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Machinery Exc.Electrical	32.8	33.2	32.3	-1.2	-0.4	0.5
Constr. & Related Mach.	11.0	11.0	11.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3
Oil Field Machinery	7.1	7.0	7.3	1.4	0.1	-0.2
Gen.Industrial Mach.	5.4	5.4	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Elect.& Electronic Equip	8.9	8.8	8.8	1.1	0.1	0.1
Transportation Equip.	19.7	19.8	20.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	11.4	11.5	12.1	-0.9	-0.1	-0.7
Aircraft & Parts	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	2.7	2.7	2.9	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Non-Durable Goods	62.0	61.3	61.4	1.1	0.7	0.6
Food & Kindred Prod.	13.9	13.7	13.8	1.5	0.2	0.1
Apparel & Textile Prod.	8.8	8.6	9.0	2.3	0.2	-0.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.1	4.0	3.9	2.5	0.1	0.2
Printing & Publishing	11.1	11.0	11.0	0.9	0.1	0.1
Newspapers & Period.	5.5	5.6	5.6	-1.8	-0.1	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petroleum Refining	6.6	6.6	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	11.4	11.5	11.4	-0.9	-0.1	0.0
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.0	6.0	5.9	0.0	0.0	0.1
Non-Manufacturing	967.7	971.6	966.7	-0.4	-3.9	1.0
Mining	44.3	44.4	45.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.8
Oil & Gas Extraction	42.2	42.3	42.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7
Construction	35.5	35.7	37.9	-0.6	-0.2	-2.4
HV Const.Contractors	8.9	8.7	8.7	2.3	0.2	0.2
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	63.0	63.2	62.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.8
Transportation	35.6	35.6	34.5	0.0	0.0	1.1
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	16.3	16.2	16.4	0.6	0.1	-0.1
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Serv.	27.4	27.6	27.7	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3
Wholesale & Retail Trade	276.8	278.3	277.1	-0.5	-1.5	-0.3
Wholesale Trade	58.2	58.4	58.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6
Retail Trade	218.6	219.9	218.3	-0.6	-1.3	0.3
Gen.Merchandise Stores	29.0	28.8	27.9	0.7	0.2	1.1
**Department Stores	22.9	22.8	10.8	0.4	0.1	12.1
Food Stores	38.9	39.1	39.1	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	26.4	26.5	26.8	-0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Apparel & Acces.Stores	13.2	13.3	13.0	-0.8	-0.1	0.2
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	58.3	58.6	59.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.9
Banking	18.2	18.3	18.4	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2
Credit Agenc.OT Banks	9.3	9.4	9.5	-1.1	-0.1	-0.2
Insurance Carriers	8.4	8.4	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.1
Services	255.4	257.5	252.1	-0.8	-2.1	3.3
Hotels & Lodging Places	13.3	13.2	12.4	0.8	0.1	0.9
Personal Services	12.2	12.2	11.9	0.0	0.0	0.3
Motion Pictures	1.2	1.4	1.2	-14.3	-0.2	0.0
Health Services	81.2	80.8	76.6	0.5	0.4	4.6
Hospitals	30.6	30.5	29.3	0.3	0.1	1.3
Educational Services	12.6	11.9	12.0	5.9	0.7	0.6
Government, Total	234.4	233.9	233.1	0.2	0.5	1.3
Federal Government	50.5	50.4	49.3	0.2	0.1	1.2
State and Local Government	183.9	183.5	183.8	0.2	0.4	0.1
*State Government	67.3	67.3	64.3	0.0	0.0	3.0
Local Government	116.6	116.2	119.5	0.3	0.4	-2.9

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** The state employee full-time equivalency (FTE) count for AUG. 1989 is 58,169. FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173-hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.*

** * - Due to a change in the Standard Industrial Coding (SIC) structure in this industry, data in 1989 is not comparable to previous years.*

AUGUST 1989

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA *

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

	AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	AUG 89p	JUL 89r	AUG 88r
	U. S.	119,092,000	6,352,000	125,444,000	5.1	5.3	5.4
	OKLAHOMA	1,479,900	75,800	1,555,700	4.9	5.6	7.4
	COUNTIES						
1	ADAIR	8,240	390	8,630	4.5	5.3	7.8
2	ALFALFA	3,270	70	3,340	2.1	2.6	3.6
3	ATOKA	8,130	390	8,520	4.6	5.5	6.8
4	BEAVER	3,280	100	3,380	3.0	3.2	4.3
5	BECKHAM	7,780	540	8,320	6.5	7.8	9.9
6	BLAINE	5,930	290	6,220	4.7	4.9	6.1
7	BRYAN	14,220	540	14,760	3.7	4.5	6.9
8	CADDO	11,460	970	12,430	7.8	9.4	12.1
9	CANADIAN	34,825	1,425	36,250	3.9	4.2	5.6
10	CARTER	19,200	1,275	20,475	6.2	6.7	8.2
11	CHEROKEE	14,770	740	15,510	4.8	5.9	9.7
12	CHOCTAW	5,190	450	5,640	8.0	10.6	10.9
13	CIMARRON	1,820	60	1,880	3.2	3.7	5.3
14	CLEVELAND	82,975	3,125	86,100	3.6	4.1	5.5
15	COAL	2,320	260	2,580	10.1	13.8	13.7
16	COMANCHE	48,300	2,075	50,375	4.1	4.7	6.5
17	COTTON	3,120	150	3,270	4.6	3.9	5.4
18	CRAIG	6,530	250	6,780	3.7	3.8	7.8
19	CREEK	26,925	1,775	28,700	6.2	6.6	9.3
20	CUSTER	14,460	680	15,140	4.5	5.3	6.0
21	DELAWARE	10,580	460	11,040	4.2	5.6	7.0
22	DEWEY	2,620	100	2,720	3.7	4.4	5.8
23	ELLIS	2,570	80	2,650	3.0	3.5	6.4
24	GARFIELD	27,925	1,125	29,050	3.9	4.2	5.9
25	GARVIN	11,190	680	11,870	5.7	7.2	9.0
26	GRADY	16,980	1,240	18,220	6.8	8.5	9.5
27	GRANT	3,160	90	3,250	2.8	3.0	3.9
28	GREER	2,960	90	3,050	3.0	3.9	4.7
29	HARMON	1,820	90	1,910	4.7	4.7	10.5
30	HARPER	2,510	60	2,570	2.3	3.1	3.4
31	HASKELL	4,230	500	4,730	10.6	12.4	14.1
32	HUGHES	4,960	490	5,450	9.0	11.6	15.0
33	JACKSON	10,970	560	11,530	4.9	5.3	7.5
34	JEFFERSON	3,480	180	3,660	4.9	6.3	9.0
35	JOHNSTON	3,810	230	4,040	5.7	6.8	8.0
36	KAY	25,775	1,200	26,975	4.4	4.6	6.3
37	KINGFISHER	6,820	220	7,040	3.1	3.4	6.7
38	KIOWA	5,420	190	5,610	3.4	4.1	5.2
39	LATIMER	4,360	400	4,760	8.4	9.4	12.9
40	LEFLORE	20,100	1,580	21,680	7.3	7.3	8.2
41	LINCOLN	12,120	740	12,860	5.8	6.3	11.6
42	LOGAN	13,110	530	13,640	3.9	4.1	5.8
43	LOVE	4,180	150	4,330	3.5	4.7	5.2
44	McCLAIN	10,780	510	11,290	4.5	4.9	6.6
45	McCURTAIN	14,300	960	15,260	6.3	7.2	8.2

	COUNTIES	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	AUG 89p	JUL 89r	AUG 88r
46	McINTOSH	6,570	280	6,850	4.1	4.8	4.6
47	MAJOR	3,790	150	3,940	3.8	4.5	5.7
48	MARSHALL	4,320	260	4,580	5.7	7.1	7.0
49	MAYES	14,290	1,140	15,430	7.4	9.5	9.7
50	MURRAY	5,920	460	6,380	7.2	10.2	8.1
51	MUSKOGEE	30,175	1,825	32,000	5.7	6.2	10.8
52	NOBLE	4,980	190	5,170	3.7	4.1	6.3
53	NOWATA	3,680	250	3,930	6.4	7.4	10.3
54	OKFUSKEE	5,380	320	5,700	5.6	6.3	9.4
55	OKLAHOMA	312,425	14,050	326,475	4.3	4.7	6.4
56	OKMULGEE	14,000	1,150	15,150	7.6	8.9	11.6
57	OSAGE	16,625	800	17,425	4.6	4.8	8.1
58	OTTAWA	11,050	975	12,025	8.1	8.2	11.8
59	PAWNEE	7,740	510	8,250	6.2	5.8	8.2
60	PAYNE	30,050	1,425	31,475	4.5	4.1	5.0
61	PITTSBURG	16,450	1,450	17,900	8.1	9.6	12.5
62	PONTOTOC	16,740	890	17,630	5.0	11.3	7.1
63	POTTAWATOMIE	25,300	1,275	26,575	4.8	5.2	7.2
64	PUSHMATAHA	4,920	310	5,230	5.9	6.7	7.6
65	ROGER MILLS	1,880	100	1,980	5.1	8.1	7.8
66	ROGERS	23,820	1,760	25,580	6.9	7.7	10.6
67	SEMINOLE	9,680	790	10,470	7.5	9.6	11.3
68	SEQUOYAH	16,160	1,150	17,310	6.6	6.6	7.0
69	STEPHENS	18,330	1,040	19,370	5.4	6.6	8.1
70	TEXAS	8,720	380	9,100	4.2	5.2	5.3
71	TILLMAN	4,700	280	4,980	5.6	8.0	5.8
72	TULSA	248,950	12,125	261,075	4.6	5.3	7.6
73	WAGONER	20,650	930	21,580	4.3	5.5	7.3
74	WASHINGTON	22,320	740	23,060	3.2	3.9	6.1
75	WASHITA	5,620	250	5,870	4.3	6.0	8.1
76	WOODS	5,670	100	5,770	1.7	2.4	3.9
77	WOODWARD	9,520	500	10,020	5.0	6.8	8.6
	OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	479,400	20,900	500,300	4.2	4.6	6.2
	TULSA MSA	337,000	17,400	354,400	4.9	5.6	8.0

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

A	-NORTHWEST	36,700	1,400	38,100	3.7		
B	-SOUTHWEST	50,900	2,500	53,400	4.7		
C	-NORTH CENTRAL	81,700	3,300	85,000	3.9		
D	-SOUTH CENTRAL	117,200	6,400	123,600	5.2		
E	-CENTRAL	372,000	16,300	388,300	4.2		
F	-TULSA	292,500	14,700	307,200	4.8		
G	-EAST CENTRAL	95,200	5,600	100,800	5.6		
H	-SOUTHERN	90,000	5,200	95,200	5.5		
I	-NORTHEAST	92,300	5,600	97,900	5.7		
J	-EASTERN	110,500	6,400	116,900	5.5		
K	-SOUTHEAST	69,500	5,700	75,200	7.6		
L	-CLEVELAND	71,300	2,900	74,200	3.9		

* Data included in this table are estimates developed using methodologies and statistical adjustments prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

p = Preliminary

r = Revised

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	402.5	403.0	406.3	-0.5	-3.8
MANUFACTURING	49.6	49.8	49.0	-0.2	0.6
DURABLE GOODS	34.4	34.5	33.6	-0.1	0.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.3	4.3	4.4	0.0	-0.1
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	-0.2
Machinery	15.1	15.1	14.1	0.0	1.0
Macn. Except Electric	12.5	12.5	11.4	0.0	1.1
Electric & Electronic Equip.	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	9.5	9.6	9.7	-0.1	-0.2
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.2	15.3	15.4	0.1	-0.2
Food and Kindred Products	4.9	4.9	5.2	0.0	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
MINING	10.2	10.1	11.8	0.1	-1.6
CONSTRUCTION	11.5	11.7	12.9	-0.2	-1.4
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.9	20.1	19.5	-0.2	0.4
Transportation	10.2	10.4	9.7	-0.2	0.5
Comm. & Public Utilities	9.7	9.7	9.8	0.0	-0.1
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	101.3	101.2	101.5	0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	21.4	21.3	21.7	0.1	-0.3
Retail Trade	79.9	79.9	79.8	0.0	0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.9	24.1	-0.1	-0.3
Banking	5.5	5.5	5.5	0.0	0.0
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	3.8	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Insurance Carriers	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.0	-0.1
SERVICES	92.3	94.4	95.1	-2.1	-2.8
Health Services	28.8	28.6	27.8	0.2	1.0
Hospitals	12.7	12.6	12.4	0.1	0.3
Educational Services	4.1	4.2	4.1	-0.1	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	93.9	91.8	92.4	2.1	1.5
Total Federal Government	30.4	30.5	29.4	-0.1	1.0
Total State/Local Gover.	63.5	61.3	63.0	2.2	0.5
Total State Government	30.0	29.9	30.5	0.1	-0.5
Total Local Government	33.5	31.4	32.5	2.1	1.0

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OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

Total employment in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area fell seasonally by 4,800 to finish the month at a 479,400 level. This is a smaller than normal drop for this estimation period, but not totally unexpected. Combined with a 2,400 decrease in the number of unemployed, the jobless rate fell to 4.2 percent of the reduced labor force.

An estimated 10,100 fewer people are now unemployed than was the case in August 1988. With employment now 11,000 higher than a year ago, the unemployment rate has contracted a full 2.0 percent over the year.

Total nonfarm wage and salary jobs in the Oklahoma City MSA slipped to 402,500 in August, off 500 from the previous month. The most significant change since July was the 2,100 job erosion in the services industry. This was primarily due to the release of temporary employees who were working at summer camps run by membership organizations.

Manufacturing, construction, and transportation-public utilities each dropped 200, but this was more than offset by the 2,100 rise in government.

Jobs in nonfarm payroll industries now stand 3,800 lower than August 1988. Losses are centered in five major industry divisions, with the majority falling in service, mining, and construction. Smaller losses are estimated in trade and finance-insurance-real estate. Government continues to expand, adding 1,500 jobs over the year. Positive growth is also estimated in manufacturing and transportation-public utilities.

A one hour longer workweek helped boost average weekly earnings by $4.00 in August for the estimated 35,900 manufacturing production workers. A larger $25.00 gain was measured on the year-to-year comparison.

Both durable and nondurable workers added over $20.00 to their weekly pay on annual comparison, although nondurables slipped slightly over the month.

OKLAHOMA CITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	500,300	507,500	499,400	-7,200	900
Unemployment	20,900	23,300	31,000	-2,400	-10,100
Unemployment Rate	4.2	4.6	6.2	XXX	XXX
Employment	479,400	484,200	468,400	-4,800	11,000

OKLAHOMA CITY
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	494.16	490.32	469.27	43.5	43.2	40.7	11.36	11.35	11.53
Durable Goods	525.33	514.93	501.83	44.9	44.2	40.7	11.70	11.65	12.33
Prim. & Fab: Metals	417.24	411.18	400.25	45.6	44.5	43.6	9.15	9.24	9.18
Machinery	542.89	539.33	529.31	46.6	45.9	41.0	11.65	11.75	12.91
Nondurable Goods	406.69	421.14	383.67	39.6	40.3	40.6	10.27	10.45	9.45
Food & Kindred Prod	365.79	378.07	323.14	41.1	41.5	43.2	8.90	9.11	7.48
Printing & Pub.	417.30	436.21	372.62	39.0	38.5	37.6	10.70	11.33	9.91

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TULSA
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	302.9	302.8	296.9	0.1	6.0
MANUFACTURING	49.7	49.7	49.7	0.0	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	39.0	39.0	38.8	0.0	0.2
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	4.0	4.0	3.9	0.0	0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metals	11.6	11.7	11.5	0.1	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	9.2	9.3	9.2	-0.1	0.0
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	5.3	5.3	5.1	0.0	0.2
Machinery	13.6	13.6	13.2	0.0	0.4
Mach.Except Electric	10.3	10.2	9.9	0.1	0.4
Const.& Related Machinery	3.7	3.6	3.7	0.1	0.0
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.3	3.4	3.3	-0.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.0	-0.2
NON-DURABLE GOODS	10.7	10.7	10.9	0.0	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
MINING	14.7	14.6	14.2	0.1	0.5
CONSTRUCTION	9.0	9.0	10.5	0.0	-1.5
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	24.6	24.6	23.4	0.0	1.2
Transportation	17.0	17.0	15.8	0.0	1.2
Comm.& Public Utilities	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
TRADE	71.1	71.8	70.8	-0.7	0.3
Wholesale Trade	18.1	18.4	18.7	-0.3	-0.6
Retail Trade	53.0	53.4	52.1	-0.4	0.9
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.6	17.6	17.5	0.0	0.1
Banking	4.1	4.2	4.3	-0.1	-0.2
SERVICES	79.9	79.4	75.8	0.5	4.1
Health Services	24.5	24.6	22.8	-0.1	1.7
Hospitals	12.3	12.4	11.7	-0.1	0.6
Educational Services	4.6	4.5	4.9	0.1	-0.3
GOVERNMENT	36.3	36.1	35.0	0.2	1.3
Federal	5.0	5.0	4.9	0.0	0.1
State	5.4	5.5	5.1	-0.1	0.3
Local	25.9	25.6	25.0	0.3	0.9

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

The unemployment rate for August in the Tulsa Metropolitan Area dropped to 4.9 percent, the same as the Oklahoma statewide rate, and .2 percent below the rate for the United States. Employment increased by 19,000 or 6 percent over the year, while unemployment dropped by 10,200 or 37 percent. These factors combined to produce the decline in the unemployment rate from 8 percent in August 1988 to the current lower rate.

Preliminary estimates for August placed total non-farm wage and salary employment for the Tulsa MSA at 302,900, only 100 more than the revised July figure. Trade employment eased down 700 for the month, while services gained 500, government increased by 200, and mining added 100. Total wage and salary employment has expanded by 6,000 over the year. Services provided more than two-thirds of the annual increase, while other substantial gains occurred in government (up 1,300), transportation (up 1,200), and mining (up 500). The only major industry to experience an over-the-year employment loss was construction.

Average weekly earnings for the 32,900 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA was $448.51 for August 1989. Hourly earnings changed very little from either the previous month or the prior year's figures. The average weekly earnings increased by nearly fourteen dollars from July and more than nine dollars since last year, due primarily to an increase in the average workweek of 1.2 hours for the month or 1.1 hours over the year.

TULSA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	354,400	358,300	345,600	-3,900	8,800
Unemployment	17,400	20,000	27,600	-2,600	-10,200
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.6	8.0	XXX	XXX
Employment	337,000	338,300	318,000	-1,300	19,000

TULSA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	448.51	434.83	439.15	41.8	40.6	40.7	10.73	10.71	10.79
Durable goods	464.94	448.74	454.44	42.0	40.5	41.2	11.07	11.08	11.03
Prim & Fab. Metals	420.77	396.17	422.06	43.2	40.8	43.2	9.74	9.71	9.77
Machinery	417.59	410.66	399.75	40.9	40.3	39.0	10.21	10.19	10.25
Non-Durable Goods	372.69	363.04	363.47	41.0	40.7	38.1	9.09	8.92	9.54
Printing & Pub	409.64	410.42	404.32	39.2	39.2	38.0	10.45	10.47	10.64

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

The unemployment rate for the Enid MSA eased down to 3.9 percent in August, the lowest rate among Oklahoma's four MSAs. This compares with 4.2 percent for the previous month and 5.9 percent for a year ago. Unemployment has declined by more than one-third over the year, while total employment showed an annual growth of three-percent.

Total non-farm wage and salary employment for the Enid MSA rose to 21,400 in August, a gain of 300 over the revised July estimate. In a breakout of the eight major industry divisions, half showed increases of 100 jobs each, three did not change, and services was the only industry indicating a downturn as seasonality was the key to a decline in the membership organizations sector. An over-the-year gain of 100 was indicated as the services and government industries expanded by 200 jobs each, and construction was up by 100. Neutralizing some of these gains were the 200 employment decline for trade and losses of 100 each in the mining and transportation industries.

ENID
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
ITEM	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	29,050	29,325	28,825	-275	225
Unemployment	1,125	1,225	1,700	-100	-575
Unemployment Rate	3.9	4.2	5.9	XXX	XXX
Employment	27,925	28,100	27,125	-175	800

ENID
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
Industry	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.4	21.1	21.3	0.3	0.1
MANUFACTURING	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
MINING	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.1	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.1
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
TRADE	6.1	6.0	6.3	0.1	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	4.8	4.7	4.9	0.1	-0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.4	5.5	5.2	-0.1	0.2
GOVERNMENT	3.3	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.2
Federal	0 4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Local	2.0	1.9	1.8	0.1	0.2

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

Unemployment, employment, and the labor force totals declined in the current survey period in the Lawton Metro area. The 13.5 percent decline in the number of unemployed was a major factor in pushing the jobless rate down to 4.1 percent in August.

Over the past year, unemployment has fallen 35 percent while total employment has risen 5.2 percent.

Over the month, total wage and salary employment dropped 200 in the Lawton area. A 100 decline in construction and government were the only changes among the eight major industries.

Over the year, wage and salary jobs have increased 1,000. This includes a 600 gain by government and a 300 rise in the number of jobs in the service industry. Manufacturing was also on the plus side by 200 positions. All other components rose or fell by 100 or were unchanged over the year.

LAWTON
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
ITEM	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 88 AUG 89
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	50,375	51,350	49,075	-975	1,300
Unemployment	2,075	2,400	3,200	-325	-1,125
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.7	6.5	XXX	XXX
Employment	48,300	48,950	45,875	-650	2,425

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
Industry	AUG 1989p	JUL 1989r	AUG 1988r	JUL 89 AUG 89	AUG 99 AUG 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	33.9	34.1	32.9	-0.2	1.0
MANUFACTURING	3.7	3.7	3.5	0.0	0.2
DURABLE GOODS	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.1	0.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
TRADE	8.5	8.5	8.6	0.0	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	7.6	7.6	7.7	0.0	-0.1
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
SERVICES	6.3	6.3	6.0	0.0	0.3
GOVERNMENT	11.1	11.2	10.5	-0.1	0.6
Federal	5.9	5.9	5.5	0.0	0.4
State	1.1	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Local	4.1	4.1	3.9	0.0	0.2

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